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The E. T. Earl Lectures
The Thirty-Ninth Annual Course
"Jesus, Our Eternal Contemporary"
The Inauguration of President McGiffert
Monday Evening, February 19

THE PASTORAL CONFERENCE OF 1940

This year's great interdenominational gathering of ministers and other professional religious leaders will have the privilege of hearing three major series of addresses.

Dr. Walter Marshall Horton, professor of the Philosophy of Religion and Systematic Theology at Oberlin College, will give the annual course of lectures on the E. T. Earl Foundation. His subject will be, "Jesus Our Eternal Contemporary."

Dr. Horton is widely known through his many books, among them: *Theism and the Modern Mood; A Psychological Approach to Theology; Theism and the Scientific Spirit; Contemporary English Theology; Contemporary Continental Theology.* He speaks as charmingly and persuasively as he writes. Dr. Horton was a delegate to two of the recent ecumenical meetings: Oxford and Madras. He is one of the creative centers of American theology.

Dr. Harold S. Bosley will be another of the Earl Lecturers. After some

years as Professor of Philosophy and Director of Religious Activities at Iowa State Teachers College, he now serves as minister of the Mt. Vernon Place Methodist Church in Baltimore, Maryland. He has recently published a brilliant volume entitled *The Quest for Religious Certainty*. Dr. Bosley is noted as a speaker at Student Conferences. His subject will be, "The Logic of Religious Discovery."

He will also give an afternoon lecture to the students of the University of California, which will be open to members of the Conference.

Dr. Karl Morgan Block, Bishop Coadjutor of the Episcopal Church, Diocese of California, will give a course, as an Earl Lecturer, on the subject, "Preaching to Life Situations."

Dr. Block has recently come to the Coast from the Deanship of the Cathedral in St. Louis. He took one of the chapel services at last year's conference.

Other lecturers at the Conference will be Dr. Fritz Künkel and Mr. Frank McCulloch.

Dr. Fritz Künkel, a visiting lecturer at the School this year, is attracting wide attention by his lectures on "Christianity and Psychology."

Mr. Frank McCulloch, Secretary for Industrial Relations of the Council for Social Action of the Congregational-Christian denomination, is another visiting lecturer at the School this year on the subject "The Churches and Labor."

Dr. Vere V. Loper of the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, Dr. Albert Edward Day of the First Methodist Church of Pasadena, and President Albert Wentworth Palmer of Chicago Theological Seminary also have a part in the program; as does Dr. Karl Beth, formerly of Vienna.

There will be opportunity for arranging luncheons or round-tables for special interest groups, announcements of which will be made later.

Members of the Faculty will offer seminars: Professor Bennett, "Contemporary Christian Thinking"; Professor Homan, "Religious Education of Children, Young People, and Adults"; Professor McCown, "Archaeological Light on Biblical Problems"; Mr. McCulloch, "The Church and Industrial Relations"; Professor Muilenburg, "The Prophet Jeremiah in a World at War".

DR. McGIFFERT'S INAUGURATION

Monday, February 19, at 8 p. m.

The inauguration of a new President is a dramatic occasion in the life of an educational institution. It introduces the new man to the alumni and friends of the School. It announces his presence to other institutions. It serves as a rallying point for the constituency of the School. It gives the opportunity for the wide presentation of the new program for the School itself.

The Inauguration has been set on the night before the Pastoral Conference to enable many distant friends to participate. Invitations have been sent to all the theological seminaries in the American Association of Theological Schools; to the colleges and universities of the Pacific Coast; and to the Congregational and Methodist, Christian and other churches of the Coast. Reserved sections will be set aside at the service for representatives of these institutions and for such alumni as indicate their desire to attend. Civic and ecclesiastical organizations will be invited to send representatives.

Greetings to the Pacific School of Religion will be brought, it is hoped,

by the President of the University of California, Dr. Robert Gordon Sproul, on behalf of general education and the local community; also by Dr. Albert Wentworth Palmer, President of the Chicago Theological Seminary, on behalf of theological schools and the Congregational-Christian denomination; and by the Rev. Dr. Albert Edward Day on behalf of the Methodist Church. President Emeritus Swartz will be present and make a statement.

Dr. McGiffert will make an Inaugural address.

The service will take place in the First Congregational Church of Berkeley.

Preceding the service, an informal supper will be given in Benton Hall to the delegates from colleges and seminaries who take part in the academic procession.

DENOMINATIONAL MEETINGS

Certain denomination groups are planning to hold special meetings on Monday, February 19, and in the evening adjourn to the inauguration service. There will be opportunity for denomination luncheons at the Pastoral Conference.

ANOTHER BRILLIANT VISITING LECTURER

During the spring quarter, February 26 to May 10, 1940, a young Anglican leader, Rev. Arnold Nash, is to give a course on some important aspect of Christian social ethics. Mr. Nash is at present visiting lecturer at the Berkeley Divinity School in New Haven, Connecticut, and he is to teach at the Union Seminary Summer School. He is one of the most stimulating younger thinkers in England, with degrees in both Theology and Sociology. He is the General Secretary of "The Church of England Moral Welfare Council" and also of a national council on the relations between doctors and clergymen. He will bring to the School a fresh point of view and an unusual range of experience. He will be available for engagements in this area.

His course will be open for credit or for auditing to holders of a college degree or its equivalent.

DR. KÜNKEL'S SPRING COURSE

Dr. Künkel will continue during the spring quarter his Wednesday afternoon course. His Monday evening course will be limited to specially qualified persons. Permission to take the course should be had in writing or in person at the School office.

THE RECEPTION

The Trustees gave a reception to Dr. and Mrs. McGiffert on October 12, in the reading room of the Holbrook Library, which was handsomely decorated for the occasion. By unanimous consent the party was a notable success both in numbers present and in the wide variety of friends who attended. A gallant committee under the leadership of Mrs. Oscar Barber managed the affair.

The Palestine Institute contributed a picturesque feature to the occasion. Professor McCown lighted some of the Institutes ancient lamps. Not for two thousand years had the gentle flame burned from their openings.

NEWS NOTES

Two important groups of alumni have entertained Dr. McGiffert at luncheon. Sidney Buckham, '26, presided at the meeting on October 19, in Santa Cruz, which was held in connection with the Northern California Congregational State Conference. Professor Buckham introduced the speaker.

Ralph Waddell, '15, arranged and presided at a similar festive gathering in Los Angeles on October 30.

The proposal which Dr. McGiffert made to each of these groups was taken hold of at once. In order to become acquainted with the churches on the Coast and to acquaint them with the School, he offered to preach at a Sunday morning service or to speak at a midweek church supper on three conditions: (1) that he may speak about the Pacific School of Religion, (2) that he will receive no remuneration, although he does not object to bed and board, and (3) that after the service, by arrangement with the minister, he will have a chance to talk for a quarter of an hour with leading members of the church whom the minister has arranged to meet him.

The response to this proposal has been so cordial that President McGiffert's Sundays have been booked uninterruptedly for November, December, January, and the first two Sundays of February. But he would like to continue this procedure, preaching right through to the end of the academic year.

IN MEMORIAM

Carl Safford Patton, 1866 - 1939

(A minute prepared by the Board of Trustees and the Faculty of the School)

Dr. Carl S. Patton taught at the Pacific School of Religion from the Fall of 1934 to part of the Fall of 1938. During that period he offered courses on the Synoptic Gospels, Use of the Bible in Preaching, Use of Literature in Preaching, Church Administration, Old Testament Appreciation, Johannine Christianity, Homiletics, Contemporary English and Contemporary American Philosophy. At the same time he published the following books: *Use of the Bible in Preaching,* 1936; *More Two Minute Stories,* 1937; ***Preparation and Delivery of Sermons,*** 1938.

Coming to the School as he did in the full maturity of his powers, he entered upon a magnificent career as a teacher in the School and as a preacher in the community. He exemplified in himself the vocation of the preacher as scholar. For cant, pretense, affectation, shoddy thinking and lazy ignorance he showed scant sympathy in his classes. From him his students caught a vision of the humanness of the Christian ministry as well as the wide richness of its opportunities.

Dr. Patton's astringent common-sense ventilated many a faculty deliberation and helped to set a steadfast and forward-looking policy.

Dr. Patton was a charming companion and an invigorating colleague. He lent dignity and prestige to the School, which mourns his death and hereby acknowledges its deep indebtedness to him.

Apolonio de los Santos, 1910 - 1939

Mr. Santos, a second year student at the Pacific School of Religion, passed away in the early morning of Tuesday, October 24, at Providence Hospital in Oakland. His loss is being deeply felt by all who knew his cheery smile, his thoughtful consideration and his kind, generous self.

PALESTINE INSTITUTE EXHIBITS

The Archaeological Exhibit in the Temple of Religion at the Golden Gate International Exposition, which was arranged and for the most part lent by the Palestine Institute, called forth a great deal of favorable comment. A feature of the Founders Day Reception given to President and Mrs. McGiffert on October 12, which attracted a great deal of attention from the guests and the newspapers, was the burning of lamps in the Palestine Institute collection which came from Tell en-Nasbeh and Gerasa. A series of lamps ranging from 1100 B. C. to 600 A. D. were on display. The Palestine Institute will have a special exhibition during the Pastoral Conference in February.

NATIONAL RESOURCES AND NATIVE RESOURCEFULNESS

Through its National Resources Board the Federal Government attempts to find out how to make adequate and conservative use of land, water, and other basic national resources.

But national resources in and of themselves will make no nation great. We need citizens who shall know how to exploit and operate these superlative resources and use them in accordance with the traditions of democracy. The elaborate educational system of the United States—both public and private—undertakes to develop the native resourcefulness of our citizens.

What more is needed? The development and extension of the spiritual resourcefulness of the country. If natural resources are useless without native resourcefulness, so a highly organized and technically efficient nation must have something worth working for. We need goals for living. We have to keep democracy spiritually solvent. We need great causes to bring out the best in our native resourcefulness.

This is no easy task.

It calls for trained leaders.

Pacific School of Religion takes these problems to heart. It invites as students young men and women with native resourcefulness to secure a further discipline of mind and emotion. It trains them to discover, reinforce and enlarge the intangible assets of the country. It teaches them how to make the most of the spiritual resources of people inside and outside the churches.

Pacific School of Religion trains leaders for the New Day.

JUST THE PRESENT VERSUS PAST PRESENT FUTURE

Some organizations exist just for the present. They serve their purpose and are scrapped. Sometimes they fail even to serve a present need because they think only in terms of the immediate present. That is the way with many of the religious cults and "isms" that mushroom up along the Coast — a tragic situation.

Churches are different. Church people are time-conscious. Our Bible has its Genesis, its beginning. Its last book, Revelation, throws the imagination ahead toward the future. We pray about "our works begun, continued and ended" in God. Our God is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning

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and the ending. Our Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. No wonder we are time-conscious.

As heirs of a great heritage we have learned great things from the past. No other institution has so long and consistent a history of wholesome human service as the church. In unnumbered years ahead churches will be providing opportunities for worship, education, fellowship and service.

Because we are conscious of this time-span we have a time-conscience. We cannot live just for the present moment. We feel duty bound to do our very best for the generations yet to come. We want to conserve and transmit the Christian things we live by. Part of today's obligation is to provide trained leaders to carry the gains of the past through the living present into the waiting future, the future in which our children and our children's children will live.

Pacific School of Religion equips leaders with knowledge of the past, understanding of the present and vision for the future.

CHURCHES FOR OR AGAINST ONE ANOTHER?

When graduate students from many denominations live and study together, as they do at the Pacific School of Religion, they discover that other denominations besides their own have their strong points. They learn to live and let live; to think and let think. They learn to cooperate sympathetically with other Christians whose faith and organization differ from their own.

The more this idea of interdenominational fellowship gets into the minds of our oncoming crop of ministers the more rapidly the scandalous competitions of yesterday will come to an end.

Pacific School of Religion can be interdenominational. It cares about the Central Christian convictions.

For further information concerning the opportunities and needs of this School which has been training ministers on the Coast for over seventy years, please write to the President, 1798 Scenic Avenue, Berkeley, California.

Date.....

I (will) (will not) attend the Pastoral Conference of 1940.

My denominational affiliation is .....

I shall arrive in Berkeley on February .....

I desire lodging (including breakfast) for the nights of

February ....., ... ,....., ...

Name .....

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